



# By George!

Growing with You in God's Love and Service

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## Rule of Life for St George's

*Based on our spiritual values and practices, this is our commitment to each other.*

*We:*

- *Nurture ourselves with the Bible and spiritual books*
- *Care deeply about each other, including in prayer.*
- *Fellowship together and have fun.*
- *Are grateful, glad and giving stewards of God's creation.*
- *Reach out to the world, living and spreading the Word.*

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# Thoughts From Our PIC

*(Priest in Charge)*

## *Come, Holy Spirit!*

On Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the third great feast day of the Church Year, Pentecost. For many people, Pentecost is an invisible holiday. At least there is no distraction from the world around us about this day! There are no Pentecost cards, traditions, bunnies, or anything else. So what is this day all about?

Pentecost was a Jewish spring harvest festival which took place fifty days after Passover. Many Jews from around the Roman Empire would come to Jerusalem for this festival, so that there would be people from many different countries with different languages present. Our feast of Pentecost comes from the account in the Book of Acts, which was part two of the Gospel according to Luke. According to Luke/Acts, the early followers of Jesus were waiting in Jerusalem after Jesus' ascension. On this Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them with power, like a rushing wind and flames of fire. These disciples then began to praise God in many languages, so that people around them could understand them in their native language. As described in Acts, this experience of the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples of Jesus to witness to him and to do his work with authority. The experience was also a sign that God was present for all peoples and cultures.

This Pentecost event was only recorded in Luke/Acts. The other gospels and the letters of Paul do not talk about this event. Whatever happened historically, it is clear that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit were central to the life of the early Church. Knowing God's presence within them is what gave those followers of Jesus the strength to share Jesus' love with people all around the Roman Empire, even in the face of persecution.

Like the first Christians, we also need to know God's presence and power in our lives. Otherwise, our talk about God is only a nice philosophy or abstract theology. What lights us up is the experience of God's presence in us, not in history long ago but in our lives today. The feast of Pentecost is a reminder of our need for the Holy Spirit in our lives individually and as a church community. The Spirit makes God real in our lives and enables us to do God's work in the world around us. Pentecost also tells us that God is at work in all peoples and cultures in our world.

Please come join in worship on Pentecost Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. In recognition of the flames of the Spirit described in Acts, wear something red that day! This is a wonderful time to celebrate the "birthday" of the Church in the power of the Spirit.

† *Father Ray Hess*

## Our Senior Warden

Every year the vestry has a “retreat,” or as Fr. Ray calls it, a “mutual ministry review.” This a meeting lasting several hours at a location other than St. George. Current members of the vestry, and members who left at the end of the previous year try to attend, as well as St. George’s clergy. The retreat is facilitated by clergy from another church, or from the Office of the Bishop. The general purpose of the meeting is to plan the direction we will take as a church in the coming year or years, and we review goals we formulated the previous year, and develop new goals.

Several years ago Canon Britt Olson led the retreat, and she began by giving us each a questionnaire that was designed to help us figure out what kind of church we were. The results from St. George’s vestry that year showed that we were a small, but healthy congregation, and our only weakness was lack of income sufficient to support a full-time rector. For many years we had struggled to pay Fr. John as a full-time, and then part-time priest.

We talked about many different options and directions we could go, but intentionally growing in numbers and income was not on the table because we had discovered that not only were we a small church, but we really liked being a small church. And we were “healthy,” meaning that we had many different groups of members, but we didn’t have just a handful of people who came onto and off the vestry, and dominated the congregation. Total ministry was one of the options we discussed. Total ministry is different for each congregation that decides to follow that model of church. For us, it means many members take on the duties of a full-time priest, but we take on those duties because we want to. We have some members who volunteer in our office. We have some who visit parishioners who can no longer come to church. We have some who plan our services. We have some who plan outreach projects. There are several different “teams.” The key is that all these members have taken on these tasks because they want to, not because they have been ordered to, or feel they must.

If there is something you are interested in doing as a member of the congregation, or something you’d like to see us do as a congregation, talk to any member of the vestry, and we’ll see what can be done.

*Becky Freie, Senior Warden*



## WOMAN'S GUILD

Our small core of ladies has been busy the past several weeks. I wish to pass along to all those who helped, the many expressions of thank you and the compliments I have received about how nice the arrangements were. All of the work and time was appreciated by many.

Now it is time to shift gears down a bit to take it easy during the warm summer months. We will kick-off the summer with a **luncheon on Saturday, June 7, at Noon, at the Spaghetti Factory** in Roseville. This is an opportunity for our working ladies to interact with all members in a fun activity. (We are also willing to allow our gentlemen of the congregation to attend.) Cathy Crosby is our coordinator for this event and she needs to know how many plan on attending. Therefore, please sign-up on the list at church or telephone Cathy (727-3170) to let her know if you plan on attending.

One last note – If you do not yet own a St. George coffee cup, (we all should have at least one) there are still some available to purchase on Sundays. Only a few left! (Unless someone else finds a hidden stash in their home.) Don't wait too long!

*Carol Adkins, President Elect*



Young at Heart

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Barry Lloyd ('46)
- 4—Lani Hahn
- 15—Dolores O'Brien
- 15—Ryan Jeske
- 24—Gail Peterson
- 27—Robert Freie

*(If your name was not included, please let Sandy know so she can add your name.)*



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 14—Paul & Pauline Delander ('58)
- 15—Dennis & Jan Fazekas ('70)



**FATHER'S  
DAY  
JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>**

# June/July

## JUNE 1<sup>th</sup>

### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Acts 1:6-14*

*Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-66*

*1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11*

*John 17: 1-11*

CELEBRANT: Gini Hummel

PREACHER: Mel Rose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Becky Freie & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Barbara Cooper

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

## JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>

### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

*Acts 2:1-21*

*Psalm 104: 25-35, 37*

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

*John 20:19-23*

CELEBRANT: Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: †Bob Gould & Anne Mangels

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

## JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>

### TRINITY SUNDAY

*Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

*Psalm 8*

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

*Matthew 28:16-20*

CELEBRANT: Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Diana Perparos

LECTORS: Becky Freie & JoAnn Cookman

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & JoAnn Cookman

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

## JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 21:8-21*

*Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17*

*Romans 6:1b-11*

*Matthew 10: 24-39*

CELEBRANT: Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & †Bob Gould

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

## JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 22:1-14*

*Psalm 13*

*Romans 6: 12-23*

*Matthew 10: 40-42*

WORSHIP LEADER: TBA

PREACHER: Deacon Bob

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Annelise Connell & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Angela Saunders

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

## JULY 6<sup>th</sup>

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

*Psalm 45:11-18*

*Romans 7:15-25a*

*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

CELEBRANT: Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Marilyn Ditzeb

LECTORS: Anne Mangels & Joan Tennis

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Cruz Siaz

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

*Thanks and other thoughts*



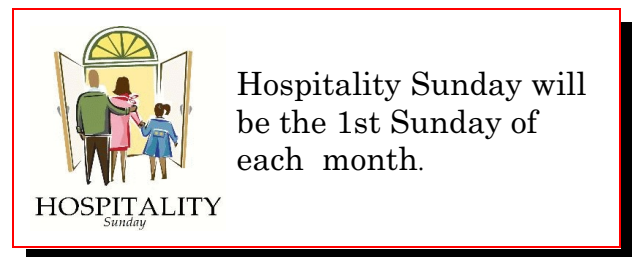
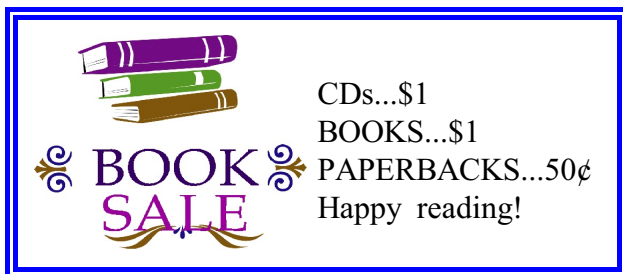
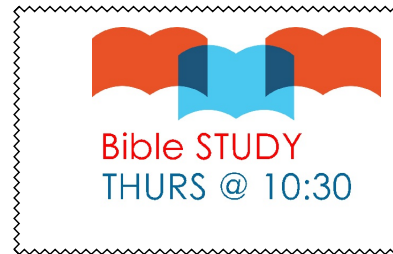
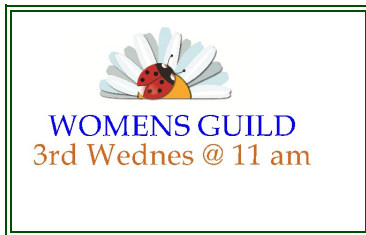
First off I want to thank everyone for all the help with our son Rob's memorial service and reception (at the church and our home). I know I'm going to miss folks, but Sandy and I wanted to thank some folks by name. In no particular order: Dave and Ryan for the great job of ushering; Joy and all of the Altar Guild; Jan, Barbara and Carol in the office; Carol and the women's guild; Jo Ann for staying at our house during the service so things would be ready there when folks showed up before we got there (and putting up with our doggy); Dolores for the Guest books; Aaron for being EM, but more importantly when I'd forgotten the jump drive with the service on it, along with my cell phone, and not remembering Sandy's cell number suggested I call my phone which she was bringing to me; Mel for having the foresight to bring a copy of the service on a jump drive of his own, figuring I might have a mental melt down; and Tim for agreeing to play, even though he had a major concert that evening; For the members of the choir who sat up front to help lead singing.

We both also want to thank all who were able to attend the service and who came out to our home to see Rob's paintings and enjoy his favorite foods. Finally we wish to thank Fr Ray for his prayers and time spent with us in preparation for the service.

Again I'm sure I've forgotten folks and for that I apologize. During the reception it came up whether I was going to recycle the soda cans and water bottles and yes I do. I use the CRV refunds to help support my Deacon's fund – which always seems to be short of funds to meet all the needs. So if you like to help the environment and help others, please think about saving soda cans and plastic water bottles and bringing them in to the church. With Sandy and I being gone most of June it might be best to bring them in on the last Sunday of June, after that pretty much any Sunday. Most of the recyclers in my area only take aluminum cans and plastic water bottles.



*Amen,*  
**†Deacon Bob**



Articles are always welcome...**BUT KEEP it short!** The best way to submit an article is via my new e-mail [sandyolsen@surewest.net](mailto:sandyolsen@surewest.net)